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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
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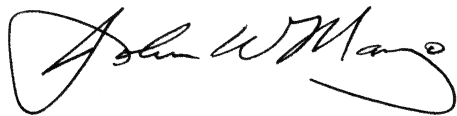
*RE: Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet, GN Docket 14-28; Preserving the Open Internet, GN Docket 09-191; Framework for Broadband Internet Service, GN Docket 10-127*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) explores its legal options for ensuring that an Open Internet continues to thrive, I wanted to present you with a new Economic Policy Vignette I authored this week regarding the way in which Section 706 of the Communications Act provides a clear policy tool for regulators to establish Internet-related regulations under existing law. In this short treatment of a complex and important issue, I explain how Section 706's focus on increasing output nicely aligns the economic policy rationale for Internet-related regulations with the traditional, policy-proven antitrust tools that focus on the output altering effects of firm behavior. Section 706 provides regulators a basis for assuring that firm behavior promotes output such as deployment and expansion of Internet infrastructure while simultaneously enabling the FCC to take corrective action if a firm's behavior retards output.

In the hope that the insights in this paper may assist the Agency in its work, I respectfully submit it for your review and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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